

Flow Workgroup Meeting: White Paper

9/28/12

2:00-3:00 pm Eastern

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Introductions

Updates: schedule, document overview

- Recent meetings
- Organization change per management direction
- Reviews
- Additions
- Applicability

Primary Topics of Discussion:

- Purpose
 - Is the purpose clear with the new organization?
 - If not, what is needed?
 - Is the about amount of introductory content on WQS and flows sufficient to provide context for technical section (Ch. 2-3)?
- Organization
 - Where is the best placement for the section formerly referred to as “Part 1” (legal background, WQS info, narrative language, and implementation/considerations in other CWA programs)?
 - Option 1: as chapters 7-10
 - Option 2: in the Appendix (A-D)
 - Where should we place the global change component (~12 pp.)? (It is still under development.)
 - Option 1: Within chapter 5 on Eco-flows and decision-making (after technical ch. 4 and just before WQS/narrative options).
 - Option 2: In the Appendices.
 - Option 3: other suggestions?
- Is the information in the implementation section (Appendix D) sufficient and useful from a manager’s perspective?
- Terminology (e-flows)
 - Is it important to consistently use one term to describe what we are quantitatively translating? (Currently we use interchangeably “e-flows”, “environmental flows”, “ecological flows”, “instream flows”, “hydrologic conditions”.)
- Technical Section
 - Is the chapter 3, Concepts and Approaches (conceptual and process models, stressor/source, and effects) useful for managers? If you could cut or reduce anything in this section, what would it be?
 - Is the classification text in the appendix needed? How would you modify it? (The original text on classification is in the appendix now and referred to in the quantification section, chapter 4.)
 - Is the Fig. 4 discussion of the conceptual model step (chapter 4) confusing considering the chapter 3 discussion of the generalized conceptual model?

- Is the modified Conceptual (opposite side of agenda) an improvement worth including (Ch. 3)?
- Did you notice any serious problems (e.g., sections needing much more development than is planned)?

Next Steps: If you have comments, please send by 10/5. Will revise and send to our management ~ 10/12.

Cascade of responses to altered flow

